

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 42 to make explicit that which was implicit, namely by changing “deposition” to “deposited”, and removing the limitation of “under appropriate conditions”. These amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter. Their entry is respectfully requested.

The Applicant greatly appreciates that claim 48 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection set forth in this Office Action and include all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, claim 48 has been rewritten in new claim 84.

Applicant has amended the specification to introduce the priority language to claim benefit of prior applications. As such, this amendment does not introduce new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 42 – 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Applicant has amended the claims to make explicit what was implicit. More specifically, claim 42 has been amended by changing “deposition” to “deposited” and removing the limitation of “under appropriate conditions”.

As such, this amendment does not introduce new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 42 – 47 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Noppe et al. (5,491,098).

Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn for the following reasons.

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Noppe et al. does not teach a soluble gold-providing agent that is also kinetically stable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 42, and the claims dependent thereon are not anticipated.

Additionally, the art cited at page 6 of the action does not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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